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(54) Texturing systems for use in three-dimensional imaging systems

(57) A method and apparatus are provided for generating textured data for use in texturing an image. Texture data is first represented by arbitrary compressed codes in which selected compressed code values define principal colors and other compressed code values define colors which can be formed by selected weighted averages of principal colors, the corresponding current

values also being weighted averages of the code values of the selected principal colors. An output texel is interpolated full of variety of input texels with the interpolating step being effected using compressed code values. These code values are subsequently decompressed to give the actual color values.

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